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For: **NICOTINE-REDUCING AGENT AND NICOTINE REDUCTION METHOD**

REQUEST FOR CORRECTED FILING RECEIPT

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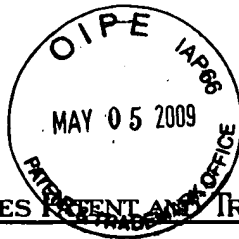
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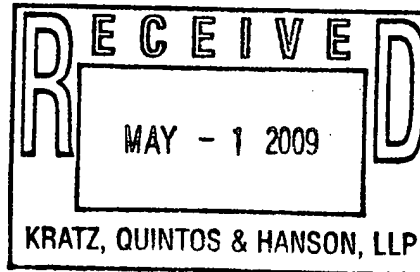
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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.: PCT/JP05/02649	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE: February 18, 2005	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED: February 19, 2004
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Applicant hereby submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

- ☒ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
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- ☒ This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 USC 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the time limit set in 35 USC 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1).
- ☐ A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.
- ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)):
 - ☐ is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
 - ☒ has been transmitted by the International Bureau.
 - ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
- ☐ A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
- ☒ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
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- ☐ A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
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- ☐ A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

ITEMS 11. TO 16. BELOW CONCERN OTHER DOCUMENT(S) OR INFORMATION INCLUDED:

- ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98 together with PTO-1449, 4 references and International Search Report.
- ☐ a. An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
☒ b. ASSIGNEE(s) NAME(s) AND ADDRESS SAN-EI GEN F.F.I., INC., Toyonaka-shi, Japan
Please publish the assignee data with the application.
- ☐ A **FIRST** preliminary amendment.
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- ☐ A substitute specification.
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U.S. ASSIGNMENT(Insert ASSIGNEE's
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IN CONSIDERATION of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00), and of other good and valuable consideration paid to the undersigned inventor(s) (hereinafter ASSIGNOR) by

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned inventor(s) has (have) affixed his/her/their signature(s).

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